



State of Wisconsin  
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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## 2023 SENATE BILL 244

April 14, 2023 - Introduced by Senators JACQUE and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives TITTL, CONLEY, C. ANDERSON, BALDEH, BRANDTJEN, EMERSON, JOERS, MURSAU, OHNSTAD, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PALMERI, SCHMIDT, STUBBS, SUBECK, WICHGERS and BEHNKE. Referred to Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1     **AN ACT to amend** 49.148 (1m) (title) and 49.148 (1m) (a) 2. of the statutes;  
2     **relating to:** expanding Wisconsin Works eligibility for at-risk pregnancy.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a person who is not a custodial parent of a dependent child may be eligible for Wisconsin Works benefits if the person is an unmarried woman who meets the other eligibility criteria and is in the third trimester of a pregnancy that is medically verified and is shown by medical documentation to be at risk and to render the woman unable to participate in the workforce.

This bill extends the criteria for these benefits to any woman who is already the custodial parent of a dependent child and who is in any stage of a medically verified and documented at-risk pregnancy.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3     **SECTION 1.** 49.148 (1m) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4     49.148 (**1m**) (title) CUSTODIAL PARENT OF INFANT; ~~UNMARRIED~~, PREGNANT WOMAN.  
5     **SECTION 2.** 49.148 (1m) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

**SENATE BILL 244****SECTION 2**

1           49.148 (1m) (a) 2. ~~An unmarried~~ A woman who meets the eligibility  
2 requirements under s. 49.145 (2) and (3) or who would be eligible under s. 49.145  
3 except that she is not a custodial parent of a dependent child and who is in ~~the 3rd~~  
4 ~~trimester~~ of a pregnancy that is medically verified and that is shown by medical  
5 documentation to be at risk and to render the woman unable to participate in the  
6 workforce.

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